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WHAT'S MY STORY?

A WOMAN MADE ME TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR JAMES K. POLK IN THE 1844 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

The Whig presidential candidate may have been from Kentucky, but that does not mean every Kentuckian supported his candidacy. Jane Stephens Stout of Frankfort made this cloth banner to encourage Clay supporters to abandon the "Ol' coon" and give their support to Polk instead. The banner appeared in an 1844 parade. While women could not vote, Stout's banner reminds us that political participation and engagement comes in many forms

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